

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury Amis	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Acting Police Chief, Glenn Takaki	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Police Chief Takaki.

Mayor Shaw swore in Mr. Don A. Darden as City Commissioner of District 2.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 17, 2009.

All Council voted yes.

Building Inspector Truett Thompson stated City Court Judge Joe Phelps issued an order for 185 Myrtle Avenue and 485 N. Third Street to be bid for demolition. He presented the bids to Council for their consideration.

Commissioner Amis made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to accept Boyd Construction as low bidder of \$2,600.00 for 185 Myrtle Avenue and \$2,100.00 for 485 N. Third Street.

All Council voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

	<u>185 Myrtle Avenue</u>	<u>485 N. Third Street</u>
Smith & Sons Cement Work & Land Clearing	\$14,000.00	\$15,500.00
Ranger Development Company	\$7,200.00	\$7,300.00
Lewis Construction	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
Boyd Construction	\$2,600.00	\$2,100.00

Commissioner Nichols asked Mayor Shaw was Commissioner Darden sworn in this morning by Wayne County Probate Judge Tammy Thornton.

Mayor Shaw replied Commissioner Darden was sworn in by Mrs. Thornton this morning, and ceremonily tonight.

Commissioner Nichols stated it was not fair to Commissioner Darden or the Council to not have anyone present during his official swearing in this morning.

Commissioner Reddish stated the fact none of the Commissioners were notified of Commissioner Darden being sworn in this morning may have made Commissioner Darden feel Council wasn't concerned about welcoming him.

Mayor Shaw stated it was Commissioner Darden's choice to be sworn in this morning.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to accept the quote of \$45,500.00 for the 2009 Audit fee from Bryant, Drury and Griffis.

All Council voted yes.

Acting Police Chief Takaki requested approval to apply for a COPS grant which pays the salaries of newly hired Police Officers for three years. He stated the City is obligated to retain the officers for 12 months after the end of the grant period.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to approve the application submission for 3 police positions under the COPS grant.

All Council voted yes.

Acting Police Chief Takaki requested approval to receive bids on two gasoline golf carts for community-based patrolling and local functions. He had received a price quote of \$8,611.00 for each cart, adding an additional \$300.00 for a third seat.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve the Police Department to receive bids on two similar golf carts as presented.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Townsend distributed copies of a motion he designed concerning delinquent property taxes, and stated it was opened to discussion and amendments.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to adopt the following policy for delinquent property taxes:

- 1) Advise property owner by certified mail after second (2nd) consecutive year of failure to pay said delinquent property tax – that they have ninety (90) days to address full payment of said delinquent taxes or make a payment arrangement with the City whereby the delinquent taxes are to be paid in some timely manner as agreed upon in writing, by both parties.
- 2) If the above does not happen within the declared ninety (90) days, then collection of these delinquent property taxes are to be pursued by the City through legal action, by the City Attorney, whereby said property shall be sold to collect those delinquent taxes owed to the City including costs incurred to recover said delinquent property taxes.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner DeWitt amended paragraph 2 by inserting the words “including but not limited to actions” between “City Attorney” and “Whereby said property.”

City Manager Woodard stated she received a complaint about the drainage problems on South Brunswick Street caused by the recent flooding. She informed Council that City Engineer Bill Shuman has designed a drainage plan estimated at \$268,000.00 for their consideration.

Council stated flooding like this is very seldom, but agreed to look at the plan.

City Manager Woodard provided Council with a list of dilapidated houses that have been removed since she has been City Manager, and thanked Building Inspector Thompson for his assistance.

Commissioner Darden apologized to Council for being sworn in without their knowledge.

Commissioner DeWitt stated that Rayonier has chosen to give him a Retirement Party on the next regular Council meeting date; therefore, he will not be able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Nichols made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to move the next regular meeting to Monday, April 20, 2009, at 7:00 P. M..

Commissioner DeWitt abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Commissioner Amis thanked Wayne County for hosting the Wayne Forward Meeting.

Commissioner Amis appointed Mrs. Jackie Dekle to the Tree Board.

Mayor Shaw requested transferring two vehicles provided by Georgia Office of Highway Safety Grant to another County Agency that is providing that program.

Acting Police Chief Takaki stated one truck has already been transferred back to GOHS, but the City intends to continue the Rollover Simulator Program.

Mayor Shaw asked Council to commit to participating in Wayne Day activities with the Industrial Authority and Wayne County later this year.

Council agreed to be involved with the activities if they receive the information.

Mayor Shaw stated he was unsure if City Attorney Leaphart would be back in town for tonight's meeting; and he apologized for offending the Council by Commissioner Darden being sworn in this morning without their knowledge.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer